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531. The Department participated in the several Exhibitions held in and outside the State during the year.

532. A scheme for the expansion of fruit preservation industry at a cost of Rs. 2,00,000 was under the consideration of Government.

Administration of Special Acts.

533. Consequent on Federal Financial Integration and extension of the Indian Patents and Designs Act, 1911 to Part 'B' States including the State of Mysore by the Indian Patents and Designs (Amendment) Act, 1950, the proceedings under the pre-existing corresponding laws on the subject in the State were discontinued during the year in accordance with the instructions conveyed by the Government of India, Ministry of Industry and Supply. All cases pending under the said pre-existing Act and the Registers of Patents and Designs were forwarded to the Controller of Patents and Designs, Calcutta.

The Mysore Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Act.

534. The total number of boilers in commission at the end of the year was 343. The boiler registration and inspection fees on account of Travelling Allowance amounted to Rs. 13,971.

535. Consequent on the appointment of the Commissioner of Labour in Mysore as the Chief Inspector of Factories with jurisdiction over the whole State, the work relating to the administration of the Mysore Factories Act was transferred to the Commissioner of Labour. Similarly the work relating to the administration of the allied Acts namely (1) The Mysore Maternity Benefit Act, (2) The Mysore Payment of Wages Act and (3) The Mysore Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories Act was also transferred to the Commissioner of Labour.

536. There were 578 Factories on the Register at the beginning of the year. Twenty-nine Factories were brought within the purview of the Act during the year and thirteen factories were removed from the Register consequent on the cessation of their work. The total number of factories on the Register at the end of the year was 594.

(iii) Marketing Department.

Weights and measures

537. During the year 74,602 units of weights and measures were presented for testing as against 52,048 in the previous year. Of these, 70,127 units of weights

and measures were certified for correctness as against 49,298 in the previous year. A sum of Rs. 6,900 was realised as testing fee. A total number of 9,152 units of weights and measures of different denominations aggregating to the value of Rs. 9,240 were sold by the Testers of weights and measures in the State.

538. Under the Mysore Weights and Measures Act, 167 (111) prosecutions were launched, out of which 153 cases ended in conviction.

539. The regulated market at Tiptur continued to work satisfactorily. The various commodities auctioned in the market during the year were :— Regulated Markets.

Copra	...	1,91,107 bags
Cocoanuts	...	3,778 cartloads or 22,44,462 cocoanuts
Jaggery	...	4,054 bundles and 1,305 bags

540. A sum of Rs. 11,334 was collected by the Market Committee as Market cess and license fee. Commodities sold during the year were 31,97,093 maunds of groundnut pods, 2,23,888 maunds of cotton (Kappas), 10,334 pallas of horsegram, 13,052 pallas of castor seeds, 6,520 pallas of Bengalgram, 3,235 pallas of sesamum, 5,063 pallas of thogari, and 23,982 maunds of jaggery, 6,864 maunds of cotton seeds, 24,148 maunds of groundnut seeds, 5,896 maunds of cotton (lint), 1,308 pallas of coriander, 607 pallas of greengram, 889 pallas of niger, 442 pallas of blackgram, 272 pallas cowpea and 123 pallas of avare.

541. A sum of Rs. 50,962 was collected by the Market Committee as market cess, license fee, etc.

542. The Regulated Market at Mysore for oil seeds, pulses, etc., was inaugurated on 1st May 1950. The various commodities auctioned in the market during the the year were :—

Commodity			*Quantity auctioned*	
Groundnuts	..	...	2,74,570	pallas
Til seeds	...	...	9,326	,,
Niger	...	...	8,490	,,
Castor seeds	...	...	7,494	,,
Horsegram	...	...	22,774	,,
Cowpea	...	...	5 817	,,
Greengram	...	...	4,884	,,
Cocoanuts	...	...	29,40,482	

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Commodity.	*Quantity auctioned.*
Tamarind	63 bags and 48,897 mds.
Jaggery	1,567 bags and 19,194 mds.
Chillies	111 bags and 11,321 mds.
Soapnuts	7,745 maunds
Honge seeds	925 pallas
Groundnut seeds	531 ,,
Avare	863 ,,
Urd	155 ,,

543. A sum of Rs. 28,600 was collected as Market Cess and License fee.

544. The first Regulated Market Committees for Chitaldrug and Shimoga were constituted after holding the elections in respect of their Traders' Constituency and arrangements were made to inaugurate the Markets.

Eggs and oranges.

545. The grading of eggs at the five Egg-grading Stations, and the oranges at the Coorg Orange Growers, Marketing Co-operative Society both at Bangalore and Mysore was continued during the year, and a total number of 7,46,872 eggs, 43,432 oranges valued at Rs. 95,235 and Rs. 3 005 respectively were graded during the year.

Marketing Co-operative Societies.

546. There were 89 Marketing Co-operative Societies at the end of the year and of these, 21 had not started work. These Societies handled copra, cocoanuts, jaggery, arecanuts, pepper, cardamom, fruits and fruit products, honey and beeswax, agricultural implements, woollen kamblies, cotton, eggs, pulses, oil seeds, cloth, coffee seeds, etc. The Mysore Provincial Marketing Co-operative Society, Bangalore, undertook the distribution of coffee seeds, iron implements, manure, kamblies and other commodities as before and its turnover amounted to Rs. 47,90,689. Their purchases and sales amounted to Rs. 17,23,471 and Rs. 17,53,419 respectively and yielded a net profit of Rs. 16,673. The Malnad Areca Marketing Co-operative Society, Shimoga, continued to work satisfactorily. The areca sold amounted to 94,698 maunds valued at Rs. 29,26,097. The society realised a net profit of Rs. 34,454. The Saklespur Cardamom Growers' Marketing Co-operative Society's purchases and sales amounted to

Rs. 3,26,800 and Rs. 3,62,000 respectively. The Davangere Agricultural Produce Marketing Co-operative Society undertook the marketing of cotton, groundnuts, gingelly, chillies, jaggery and other commodities. The society purchased and sold commodities worth Rs. 5,24,352 and Rs. 13,59,241 respectively.

547. The Department continued Marketing Surveys on the lines indicated by the Central Agricultural Marketing Department during the year. The collection of information for drafting the reports on the marketing of (a) fruits and vegetable products and (b) dry fruits and nuts was continued. Marketing Survey work.

548. Supplementary information on pulses, potatoes, sweet potatoes, mangoes, chillies, Bengalgram, maize and millets was collected and furnished to the Agricultural Marketing Adviser, New Delhi.

549. The Department attended to a number of miscellaneous enquiries relating to rice, millets, pulses and other cereals, fruits and vegetables and their products, milk, meat, poultry, oil seeds and oil, etc., both from within and outside the State and furnished the necessary information after detailed investigation.

550. Arrangements were made for the collection of daily market rates in respect of certain agricultural commodities and live-stock products from Bangalore and mofussil markets and broadcasting the same through the All India Radio, Mysore. Arrangements were also made to publish the daily market rates in some of the local daily newspapers. The weekly market rates of the arecanut received from Madras were furnished to the Arecanut Marketing Co-operative Society at Shimoga, Sringeri and Arkalgud and those of cocoanut products received from Delhi and Kanpur to the Secretaries of Arsikere Cocoanut and Copra Marketing Co-operative Society and the Regulated Market Committee, Tiptur. Market News Service.

551. The Cotton Marketing Committee set up by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India to inquire into the present condition of cotton cultivation and marketing in the country visited the State on 30th May 1950. The Marketing Officer and the Assistant Marketing Officers visited the State during the year for collecting General.

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information on the marketing of tobacco, poultry, cattle and meat in the State.

(iv) Labour.

552. In January 1951 the Regional Director of Resettlement and Employment, Madras, was appointed as the Head of the Department of Resettlement and Employment in Mysore and relieved the Commissioner of Labour of his duties as the *Ex-officio* Director. The Commissioner of Labour was also appointed in January 1951, as the Chief Inspector of Factories in Mysore with jurisdiction over the whole State.

553. Sixteen Labour legislations were in force in Mysore during the year.

554. The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 (Central Act) was extended to the State of Mysore during the year.

555. There were 116 industrial undertakings coming under the purview of the Mysore Labour Act, 1942, during the year. There were 100 Plantation Estates also coming under the jurisdiction of the Department. The total number of operatives employed in these industrial undertakings was 80,883 as against 94,127 last year, The total strength of the plantation labour was estimated to be 60,000.

556. Security of service was generally ensured to all workers employed in large industrial undertakings coming under the purview of the Mysore Labour Act, 1942. The Works Service Rules guaranteed such security to employees in Government Industrial Concerns.

557. The total amount of Dearness Allowance paid to employees during the year amounted to Rs. 1,94,84,392 as against Rs. 1,30,04,156 last year. The total amount of bonus paid was Rs. 26,28,977 as against Rs. 24,63,637 in the previous year.

558. The general labour conditions in the State during the year were to a great extent normal and peaceful, but for a few minor disturbances on account of strikes by the employees of some of the industrial concerns. The causes for the occurence of the strikes were, demand for higher wages, bonus and dearness allowance, claiming reinstatement of played off employees, as a protest against disciplinary action taken against some of the employees, regarding